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Mormon Battalion

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13 July 1846 on Mosquito Creek. Four
companies were raised that day, and
~~that~~ the 5th Co. was raised a few days
later. They started their march toward Leavenworth
By Aug 1846 There were 549 souls arrived at
St. Leavenworth Kansas
- Fri 2 Oct Morm Bat reached Red River
Sat 3 Oct " " divided into 2 Groups Strong & Able &
the other sick & women
- 9 Oct Able-Bodied arr at Santa Fe
- 13 Oct Capt Phillip St Geo Cooke assumed
command of Mormon Battalion at Santa Fe N Mex
by order of Genl Kearney
- 18 Oct The sick detachment left Santa Fe for
Pueblo Colo about 90 men under Capt James
Brown
- Mon 19 Oct The M. Battalion left Santa Fe for Calif
- 10 Nov another 55 Sick men were detached &
started for Pueblo under Lt Wm Willis.
- 17 Nov Cap James Brown's Sick Detachment
arr at Pueblo
- 21 Nov John Dr Lee & Howard Egner arrived
Winter Quarters as messengers from the M. Bat.
beyond Santa Fe
- 28 Nov Main Body of Battalion reached the Summit
of the Rocky Mts

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11 Dec M. Batal. had an extraordinary encounter
with Buffalo on the San Pedro River

18 Dec M. Bat. left Tucson → over marching,
want of food, & water

22 Dec The Bat. arr at Pima Village &
encamped the following day by a village
of Maricopa Indians.

1847:

8 Jan The Bat'l reached the mouth of the
Gila River -

10 Jan It crossed the Colorado River

14 Jan By rd reveal a Sec 136 of D & C about
Camps of Israel organiza -

Wed 27 Jan. The M. Bat. arr at San Luis Rey
- a deserted Catholic Mission & from a bluff
close by, saw the Pacific Ocean -

29 Jan The Bat. arr at a point near
San Diego Cal.

Mon 1st Feb 1847 The Bat. was ordered back to
San Luis Rey where it rested a short time.

15 Feb messengers from the Pueblo M. Bat.
arr at Winter Quarters & extreme suffering
en route. These messengers were John H
Tippetts & Thos. Woolsey.

Mon 15 Feb Co B of Bat. in San Luis Rey were
ordered to @ San Diego.

19 Feb Most of the M. Bat left San Luis Rey (except
Co B) for Pueblo de Los Angeles where it arr 27

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3- Mormon Bat.

Sun 11 Apr 1847 Co. C of the M Bat. was ordered to Cajon Pass, about 45 mi. east of Los Angeles.

24 Apr the M. Bat. was ordered to erect a fort on a hill near Los Angeles.

Thurs 13 May Genl Stephen J Kearney left Los Angeles for Fort Leavenworth accompanied by about 15 brethren of the Battalion. The general & 4 of the men went by water & the rest went by land to Monterey.

24 May the Sick detachment of the Bat. which had wintered in Pueblo, took up a line of march to Calif.

31 May Genl Kearney's Detachment of the Bat. left Monterey via Sacramento Valley over the Sierra Nevadas via Fort Hall, Soda Springs, & the Platte River, where it met several companies of saints going west. Kearney's Group arr. in Ft Leavenworth in Aug.

11 June Amasa M Lyman & others, met the sick detachment of the M. Bat. on Pole Creek

Wed 16 June Capt Brown's detachment of the Bat. reached Ft Laramie

29 June Henry W Bigler & others of the Bat. in San Diego cleared the first yard for moulding brick in Calif.

4 July 1847 Capt Brown's 13 men of Capt Brown's Sick detachment of the M Bat., overtook the Pioneers on the Green River.

7 July the Pioneers arr. @ Fort Bridger

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-4- M Battalion -

15 July 1847 Co B of the M Bat, joined the main body @ Los Angeles.

* 16 July 1847 The Batt. was honorably discharged at Los Angeles

20 July: 81 of the M. Bat. re-enlisted for 6 mos at Los Angeles

24 July 1847 These 81 were ordered to San Diego where they arr 2 Aug & stationed as Provost Guard to protect the citizens from Indian Raids etc.

Those who did not ^{re-}enlist, organized into companies for traveling, & a few days later took up a line of march towards the east.

22 July The advanced Co. of Utah Pioneers entered Gt SL Valley & camped on Canyon Creek

23 They advanced 3 miles & camped on 8th Ward Square of SL

24 July B.Y. & main body entered SL Valley.

29 July The Pueblo detachment which had wintered @ Pueblo on the Arkansas River under Capt James Brown arr in Gt SL Valley - saints from Mississippi - making a total of 400 souls in SL.

+ Aug 27 of the Re-Enlisted M. Bat. Boys were ordered to San Luis Rey Cal. to protect the mission property.

Sep 1847 The members of the M. Bat. who had returned to Calif. from the Truckee River, were employed by Capt John A Sutter, digging mill-races and erecting mills near what is later known as Sacramento City.

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Fri 3 Sep 1847 The returning Bat. boys, having crossed the Sierra Nevada Mts., reached where the unfortunate Hastings Co. had perished the previous winter.

Two days later this group met Sam Brannon & James Brown & others on the Truckee River. Brannon brot word from Pres Young for those who had no means of subsistence to remain in Calif. & work during the winter & come to SL Valley in the spring. About 1/2 of this group went back to Calif.

16 Oct 1847 Those of the discharged M Bat boys who did not return to Calif., arr in Et SL.

18 Oct 32 of the Bat. boys, who were anxious to meet their families @ Winter Quarters left Et SL. They arr @ Winter Quarters 18 Dec. P a hard journey -

Nov 1847 Capt James Brown left w/d from Calif. c about \$5,000 in gold

11 Dec Philemon C Merrill c 15 others of the M Bat'l arr @ Winter Quarters. They left Et SL on 8 Oct.

Mon 24 Jan 1848 Gold was discovered in Sutter's Mill race, which had been dug by the M. Bat boys. This caused "Gold Fever" in the whole USA.

14 Mar The Re-Enlisted Co. of M. Bat. was disbanded at San Diego

25 Mar 25 men c Henry G Boyle as Capt, started for Et SL - arriving 5th June.
Tues 6 June Capt James Brown entered into negotiations c Miles M Goodyear, an Indian Trader, located on the present site of Ogden City, for the purchase of all the lands, claims & improvements owned by Goodyear, by virtue of a Spanish Grant.

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Brown pd Goodyear \$3000.00 for land & improvements. Soon Capt Brown located on the Weber River.

24 June Capt Daniel Brewett, Daniel Allen, & Henderson Cox — 3 of the Bat. Boys left Sutter's Fort to explore across the Sierra Nevada Mts. A few days later they were killed by Indians & their bodies terribly mutilated.

2 July 1848 about 37 Bat. Boys who had spent the winter & spring in Sacramento Valley Cal., started east from Sacramento Valley, 50 miles from Sutter's Fort, in 16 wagons, bringing 2 canons. after a dangerous & adventurous journey arrived in St. L City 1st Oct.

7 Oct 1848 Nauvoo Temple Burned

From Church Chron Andrew Jensen
From 1846 — 1849

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